

REMARKS

This amendment after final rejection should be entered because it cancels the rejected independent claims and amends the rejected dependent claims to only depend on allowed claims.

Applicants appreciate the allowance of claims 58 to 63 and 76 to 78, and the allowance of dependent claims 72, 73 and 74 (to the extent they depend on claims 58, 59 and 63). Claims 72, 73 and 74 have been amended to depend exclusively on allowed claims 58, 59 and 63 and no longer depend on rejected (and now cancelled) claim 57. All pending claims have been allowed.

The rejection of claim 75 as being obvious over the Hospal Miniflow 10 article in view of the Pinkerton patent (U.S. Patent No. 4,197,196) is moot in view of the cancellation of claim 75.

The rejection of claims 56 and 57 as being obvious over the Hospal Miniflow 10 article in view of the Pinkerton patent and the Aigner patent (U.S. Patent No. 4,666,426) is moot in view of the cancellation of independent claim 57 and the amendment of claim 56 to depend on allowed claim traversed.

All claims are in good condition for allowance. If any small matter remains outstanding, the Examiner is requested to telephone applicants' attorney. Prompt reconsideration and allowance of this application is requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed

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